

QUESTIONS FOR WATERWAYS COMMISSION APPOINTEE

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Questions for Waterways Commission Appointee Gary Marowske

1. What are the duties of Michigan State Waterways Commissioners?

Michigan State Waterways Commissioners deal with the safety, construction and preservation of harbors within Michigan waters. A Michigan State Waterways Commissioner must strive to individually maintain and uphold the high standards that the Michigan Waterways have been known for as well as encouraging the group to do the same.

2. What specific knowledge and experience do you bring to the Waterways Commission?

I am an avid life long boater who currently owns six vessels. During the summers I enjoy cruising the Great Lakes. I am also a boating safety enthusiast and have worked to become the rank of "Advanced Pilot" according to the United States Power Squadron. Along these same lines, I was the Commander of the Grosse Pointe Power Squadron during the year 2000. I am a member of other organizations that involve boating such as the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club for 28 years where I served on the Board of Directors for six. Also, I am a member of the Clinton River Boat Club, the Old Club as well as the Great Lakes Cruising Club.

On top of all my boating experience, I also have much experience with business. I have been a business owner/operator since 1985 and am currently the owner/president of Flame Furnace Co., the largest heating and cooling contractor in Southeast Michigan. In addition, I was previously an owner of Bridge Harbor Marina in Port Huron, Michigan.

3. How do you regard the current status of the state's harbors and waterways? Are there pressing needs that must be addressed in order for the state to properly safeguard boaters who use our waters? If so, what are those needs and how would you prioritize funding for them?

Though Michigan's waterways and harbors are high-quality, there is constantly room for improvements. I believe that safety is imperative and should always be a priority when making funding decisions or others that deal with the Michigan waterways.



4. Are you supportive of raising boater registration fees in order to further fund harbor development and waterways projects?

Yes, if costs increase, it is necessary for the revenues of the Waterways Commission to increase in order to maintain the high level systems that Michigan offers.

5. Do you support registration of non-motorized watercraft?

Yes, they often use the same facilities as motorized watercrafts. However, there should be a decided on cut-off as to which non-motorized vessels should have to pay and which should not.

6. What emphasis will you place on waterways projects and harbor development in the Upper Peninsula?

The Upper Peninsula deserves and requires a fair amount of attention in relation to the Lower Peninsula.

7. Do you believe that the Waterways Commission is an essential advisory committee or could it be eliminated and absorbed by the Natural Resources Commission?

I believe that the Waterways Commission is most definitely a necessity.

8. Are you in favor of expanding public access sites in settings where a majority of lakefront owners oppose more public access and there are already adequate private facilities to allow for boat launching and dockage?

In my opinion, this depends on the situation and the body of water where this question is being debated about.

9. What rights of access and usage to the waters of this state should non-riparian users be afforded? Should non-riparian users be allowed to dock and maintain their boats at dedicated public marinas located at any road-ending on Michigan lakes?

I am undecided on this matter.



10. Are you in favor of the current legislative proposal to allow Michigan motorists the chance to voluntarily pay a \$10 fee as part of their annual license plate renewal in order to fund state parks and boating access sites? (This proposal would allow for the license plate to serve as a park pass into all state parks and boating sites.)

I am in favor of this legislative proposal.

11. What more do you think Michigan policy makers can do to attract more water based tourism to this state?

Promoting the waterfront beauty that Michigan offers, especially in its Northern areas is a good way to increase tourism as well as encouraging the fishing industry. I also feel that developing larger public marinas with many amenities such as pools, tennis courts etc.. would entice tourists to take vacations on the water.

